

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory LaPointe on 6/3/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 39 line 4, after "having a lining surface," [at least one stud] has been deleted and -- a plurality of studs— has been entered.

In claim 39, lines 6-7, after "first material, the" [at least one stud] has been deleted and – studs having—has been entered.

In claim 39, line 10, after "to vibration, wherein" [the stud] has been deleted and – at least one of the studs—has been entered.

In claim 45, line 4, after "having a lining surface," [at least one stud of a second material] has been deleted and -- a plurality of studs of a second material comprising of brass which is softer than the first material, — has been entered.

In claim 45, line 7, after “to vibration, wherein” [ the ] has been deleted and -- at least one – has been entered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES K. HSIAO whose telephone number is (571)272-6259. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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